CARES Act and HEERF

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) is a bill passed by the United States Congress to 'provide emergency assistance and health care response for individuals, families, and businesses affected by the 2020 coronavirus pandemic." Included within the CARES Act is a provision for institutions of higher education titled the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). The intent of this provision was to provide student grants for COVID-19 – related expenses and to assist institutions for costs incurred as a direct result of their responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The United States Department of Education ruled that student grants can be distributed to students eligible for Title IV aid, commonly known as federal student financial aid programs, which include the Federal Direct Student Loan, the Pell Grant, and others. Based upon guidance from the United States Department of Education, the way to ensure student eligibility is through the student filing of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FASFA includes a provision to ensure eligibility for Title IV funds and is the main instrument for students who seek financial assistance in paying for college.

Metro Beauty Academy and the CARES Act

Metro Beauty Academy signed and returned to the United States Department of Education the *Certification and Agreement* and received monies authorized from section 18004 (a) (1) in the amount of **$66,230.00**. This amount represents fifty percent of the total funds to be received by Metro. Section 18004 (c) of the CARES Act requires institutions to use no less than fifty percent received under 18004 (a) (1) to provide for higher education emergency relief funds.

- Metro Beauty Academy has determined that approximately eighty eligible students at the institution were able to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid grants under Section 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act.
- All eligible students enrolled March 2020 but prior to July 2020 received $750.00 in Emergency Financial Aid grants.
- As of 10/31/2020 -Emergency Financial Aid grants of $750.00 were distributed to 84 students.
- All eligible students enrolled in July 2020 received $200.00 in Emergency Financial Aid grants.
- As of 10/31/2020- Emergency Aid grants of $200.00 were distributed to 19 students.

Expenses covered by the CARES Act student grants via HEERF

The student emergency grants will be distributed directly to the students of Metro Beauty Academy for qualifying expenses such as food, housing, technology needs, childcare expenses, medical expenses, course materials, unexpected travel expenses, and other expenses as a direct result from the disruption to the educational process.

CARES Act/ HEERF emergency grants - Metro student eligibility

Students must be currently enrolled at Metro Beauty Academy.
Students must be a United States Citizen or have qualifying non-citizenship status.
Students must be meeting the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards of Metro Beauty Academy.
Students must have completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA).

What is Metro Beauty Academy using the remainder of the allocated monies from CARES Act?

Metro will use the remaining funds to assist with the numerous expenses incurred during the move to temporary distance education. Funds were also used to purchase of all the necessary supplies and materials for the health, safety, and welfare of the students and staff of Metro Beauty Academy.

For additional information about the CARES Act funding, please email Metro Financial Aid at kholbrook@metrobeautyacademy.com.

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Quarterly Budget and Expenditure Reporting under CARES Act Sections 18004(a)(1) Institutional Portion, 18004(a)(2), and 18004(a)(3), if applicable

Institution Name: Metro Beauty Academy **Date of Report:** 03/31/2021 **Covering Quarter Ending:** 03/31/2021

Total Amount of Funds Awarded: Section (a)(1) Institutional Portion: $ 66,230 Section (a)(2): $ 66,230 Section (a)(3): $ 0 **Final Report?** ☐

Category	Amount in (a)(1) institutional dollars	Amount in (a)(2) dollars, if applicable	Amount in (a)(3) dollars, if applicable	Explanatory Notes
Providing additional emergency financial aid grants to students.[1]	$ 570	$ 66,230	$ 0	
Providing reimbursements for tuition, housing, room and board, or other fee refunds.	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	
Providing tuition discounts.		$ 0	$ 0	
Covering the cost of providing additional technology hardware to students, such as laptops or tablets, or covering the added cost of technology fees.	$ 14,140	$ 0	$ 0	
Providing or subsidizing the costs of high-speed internet to students or faculty to transition to an online environment.	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	
Subsidizing off-campus housing costs due to dormitory closures or decisions to limit housing to one student per room; subsidizing housing costs to reduce housing density; paying for hotels or other off-campus housing for students who need to be isolated; paying travel expenses for students who need to leave campus early due to coronavirus infections or campus interruptions.	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	
Subsidizing food service to reduce density in eating facilities, to provide pre-packaged meals, or to add hours to food service operations to accommodate social distancing.	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	
Costs related to operating additional class sections to enable social distancing, such as those for hiring more instructors and increasing campus hours of operations.	$ 9,305	$ 0	$ 0	
Campus safety and operations.[2]	$ 23,268	$ 0	$ 0	

[1] To support any element of the cost of attendance (as defined under Section 472 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA)) per Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act and the Interim Final Rule published in the *Federal Register* on June 17, 2020 (85 FR 36494). Community Colleges in California, all public institutions in Washington State, and all institutions in Massachusetts have different requirements due to recent U.S. District Court actions. Please discuss with legal counsel. HEERF litigation updates can be found here.

[2] Including costs or expenses related to the disinfecting and cleaning of dorms and other campus facilities, purchases of personal protective equipment (PPE), purchases of cleaning supplies, adding personnel to increase the frequency of cleaning, the reconfiguration of facilities to promote social distancing, etc.

Category	Amount in (a)(1) institutional dollars	Amount in (a)(2) dollars, if applicable	Amount in (a)(3) dollars, if applicable	Explanatory Notes
Purchasing, leasing, or renting additional instructional equipment and supplies (such as laboratory equipment or computers) to reduce the number of students sharing equipment or supplies during a single class period and to provide time for disinfection between uses.	$ 11,510	$ 0	$ 0	
Replacing lost revenue due to reduced enrollment.		$ 0	$ 0	
Replacing lost revenue from non-tuition sources (i.e., cancelled ancillary events; disruption of food service, dorms, childcare or other facilities; cancellation of use of campus venues by other organizations, lost parking revenue, etc.).[3]		$ 0	$ 0	
Purchasing faculty and staff training in online instruction; or paying additional funds to staff who are providing training in addition to their regular job responsibilities.	$ 7,437	$ 0	$ 0	
Purchasing, leasing, or renting additional equipment or software to enable distance learning, or upgrading campus wi-fi access or extending open networks to parking lots or public spaces, etc.		$ 0	$ 0	
Other Uses of (a)(1) Institutional Portion funds.[4]	$ 0			
Other Uses of (a)(2) or (a)(3) funds, if applicable.[5]		$ 0	$ 0	
Quarterly Expenditures for each Program	$ 66,230	$ 66,230	$ 0	
Total of Quarterly Expenditures				

[3] Including continuance of pay (salary and benefits) to workers who would otherwise support the work or activities of ancillary enterprises (e.g., bookstore workers, foodservice workers, venue staff, etc.).

[4] Please post additional documentation as appropriate and briefly explain in the "Explanatory Notes" section. Please note that costs for Section 18004(a)(1) Institutional Portion funds may only be used "to cover any costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus, so long as such costs do not include payment to contractors for the provision of pre-enrollment recruitment activities; endowments; or capital outlays associated with facilities related to athletics, sectarian instruction, or religious worship."

[5] Please post additional documentation as appropriate and briefly explain in the "Explanatory Notes" section. Please note that costs for Sections 18004(a)(2) and (a)(3) funds may only be used "to defray expenses, including lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, technology costs associated with a transition to distance education, faculty and staff trainings, payroll incurred by institutions of higher education and for grants to students for any component of the student's cost of attendance (as defined under section 472 of the HEA), including food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care."